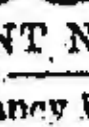


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Apply to
"CANTON."
Care of this Office.
Hongkong, 2nd July, 1883. [1256]



GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

THERE is a vacancy in the Sanitary Department for an INSPECTOR OF NUISANCES. The Emoluments of the Office are—
Salary \$720 a year.
Honorarium \$150 a year.
Chair hire \$60 for 3 months during the hot season.
3 Suits of uniform annually.
Applications, with copies of testimonials, to be sent to the Colonial Secretary before Noon on SATURDAY, the 7th July, 1883.
W. H. MARSH,
Colonial Secretary—
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 2nd July, 1883. [1258]

TENDERS.

TENDERS for DOCKING for INSPECTION and for STRIPPING, CAULKING and REMETALLING the American Ship "CHICAGO" OFF.

CORUNA will be received at
Macao, LATERAL and DAVIS all TUESDAY
the 3rd July, at FOUR P.M.

The Captain does not bind himself to accept
the lowest or any Tender.

E. A. LOCKE,
Master,
American Ship "Chocoma,"
Hongkong, 2nd July, 1888. [12]

FOR SHANGHAI.


THE Steamship
"IPHIGENIA."
Captain Abrens, will be despatched for the
above Port TO-DAY, the 2nd instant, at NOON.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMSEN & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 2nd July, 1888. [13]

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAM
SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA DIRECT.
THE Company's Steamship
"DIAMANTINE,"
Captain Guiton, will be despatched for the above
Port TO-MORROW, the 3rd inst., at FIVE P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 2nd July, 1888. [14]


FOR SWATOW, AMOY, AND FOOCHEE
THE Steamship

"KWANGTUNG."
 Capt. Young, will be despatched for the al-
 Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 4th instant.
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 For Freight or Passage, apply to
 DOUGLAS LAURAIX & C
 Hongkong, 2nd July, 1883.


 NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that C-
 Rents for the half year ended the
 31st Dec. 1882, and Quarter Accounting, WA-
 and FIRE BRIGADE RATES for the 3rd Qu-
 of 1883, must be paid on or before the 31st
 Defaulters, after that date will be pro-
 sequest in the Supreme Court.
 A LISTER
 Treasurer.

Treasury,
 Hongkong, 30th June, 1883.


 TENDER FOR FREIGHT.

TENDERS marked "Tender for Freight"
 will be received by the Undersecretary
 to Ports P.M. 10th July, 1883, for convey-
 to Woolwich, England, of the following

tary Stores:
 Combustible (about) 8 Tons.
 Non-Combustible.
 Heavy 61 "
 Light 134 "
 Particulars of the Combustible Stores
 submitted for application at the Naval
 Storekeeper's Office
 The right to reject the lowest or any T
 is reserved.

WILLIAM HYNES
 Acting Storekeeper

H. M.'s Naval Yard,
 June 30th, 1883.

SITUATION WANTED.

B. Y. A PORTUGUESE, AS SHIPPING CLERK,
 GENERAL ASSISTANT, OR ASSISTANT
 BOOK-KEEPER.
 Good References and Testimonials.
 Address _____ S. S.
 Care of this Office:
 Hongkong, 28th June, 1883.

CHINA FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the Head-Office, Hongkong TO-MORROW, the 12th day of July, 1883, at FOUR O'CLOCK in the afternoon, when the Resolutions which have been adopted at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 12th day of June, will be submitted for confirmation as per the Resolutions.

By Order of the Board, W. H. RAY,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 13th June, 1883.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the above-named Company will be held at the Head-Office, Hongkong, on the 12th day of July, 1883, at FOUR O'CLOCK in the afternoon, when the Resolutions which have been adopted at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 12th day of June, will be submitted for confirmation as per the Resolutions.

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No. 45, Queen's Road, Victoria, Hong Kong, on THURSDAY, the 12th day of July, at 3 O'CLOCK P.M., when the Resolution passed at the Extraordinary Meeting of the Company held on the 26th day of June 1933, will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution.

By Order,
JAS. B. COUGHTELL,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 20th June, 1933.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE
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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS by the above Company will be held at the Company's No. 45, Queen's Road, Victoria, Hong Kong, on THURSDAY, the 12th day of July, at 3.15 O'CLOCK P.M., when Resolutions are proposed that each of the existing Directors of the Company be divided into five shares of upon each of which the sum of \$20, at

credited as paid up, and that the Memoranda and Articles of Association be altered in accordance therewith.
By Order,
JAS. B. COUGHTON
Secretary
[638] Hongkong, 20th June, 1883.

FOR SALE.

LADIES' SWIMMING COSTUMES.
LADIES' SWIMMING SUITS.
GENTLEMEN'S SWIMMING DRESSES.
GENTLEMEN'S SWIMMING DRAWERS.
BATHING SHOES.
WATERPROOF BATHING CAPS.
LIFE SAVING BELTS AND DRESSES.
BATHING TOWELS AND BLANKETS.
BATH SPONGES.
WIRE SPRING MATTRESSES.
SUN UMBRELLAS.
CHOLERA BELTS.
WHITE CRAFT TENNIS SHIRTS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

HONGKONG, 30th May, 1893.

NOTICE.

A. S. WATSON & CO.
FAMILY AND DISPENSING CHEMISTS.
 By Appointment to His Excellency the Governor and His Royal Highness the DUKE OF EDINBURGH.
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRUGGISTS.
PREPARATIONS.
PATENT MEDICINE VENDORS.
DEVELOPER'S SOUVENIRS.
And
ABRATED WATER MARKS.
SHIP MEDICINE CHESTS REFITTED.
PASSENGER SHIPS SUPPLIED.

Notices.—To avoid delay in the execution of Orders it is particularly requested that all business communications be addressed to the firm, A. S. WATSON & CO., or HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.
 All letters for publication should be written on one side of the paper only.

Advertisements and subscriptions will not be entered for a fixed period but will be continued until countermanded.
 Correspondents are requested to forward their names and addresses with communications addressed to the Editor, not for publication, but as evidence of good faith.

Orders for extra copies of the Daily Press should be sent before 11 a.m. on the day of publication. After that hour the supply is limited.

Communications on editorial matters should be addressed to "The Editor," and those on business "The Manager," and not to individuals by name.

On the 26th June, at his residence, Heath House, Wokingham, England, Henry Charles GARDNER, late of Hongkong, solicitor, aged 63 years.

The Daily Press.
 HONGKONG, JULY 2nd, 1893.

Advertiser of the Shanghai morning contemporary gives publicity to a denial, on the highest authority, of the truth of the lately reported pacific settlement of the difficulty between France and China, it states in another column that it is generally believed that China has virtually decided to avoid trying the fortunes of a war with France.

A telegram received in Saigon from Paris, dated the 18th June, says that no one there believes there will be a rupture between the two countries. It would seem, therefore, that the same incredulity as to Chinese pluck is entertained both in Paris and Shanghai. We feel bound to say we share in the general belief that China will not fight. There were no reasons why she should go to war with France until she manufactured them; for she might safely have purchased her old policy of non-interference on behalf of tributary states. Her temporary success in Korea, however, led her on to a more hazardous enterprise, and she now stands in a peculiarly difficult and disagreeable position; to advance will be to invite dangers and probable defeat, the disastrous extent of which cannot even be estimated, while to retreat will be a confession of weakness of the most humiliating kind. If the Chinese Government do not mean to carry out their threats, why all this senseless bluster? No rulers have a right to bring the nation over whose destinies they preside into contempt, just in order to gratify their own vanity and to support untenable and extravagant claims on behalf of the sovereign. Before throwing down the gauntlet to France the Peking Authorities should have carefully counted the cost and considered whether they were in a position to contend with a great European military power. Blinded with conceit, the war party at Peking, heedless of all warning, assumed a threatening demeanor, and declared their intention to aid Annam to resist the French. They must either have wonderfully exaggerated their own resources before they ventured on this course, or else they grievously under-estimated the power of France.

In the course of an able and intelligent article on the situation, the N. C. Daily News points out the inherent military weakness of China. The only province possessing the nucleus of a real army is Chihli, which is supposed to have 70,000 partially trained troops; but actually there are less than half that number. We may add that there are two or three thousand more in Kwangtung, and a few foreign drilled troops in one or two other provinces, but the entire number of properly armed men that could be got together would probably fall short of 40,000. We quite agree with our Shanghai contemporary that in this body there exists some excellent material for the composition of an army, but adding that there are no officers worthy of the name, no engineers, no transport, no medical services, and very few artillery, it requires little prescience to foretell the fate of such forces when faced by well equipped, disciplined European troops. There are, of course, plenty of "braves" in the eighteen provinces, but the value of these warriors may be fairly estimated from the following account of a review at Hankow on the 5th June of the forces of that city and Hanyang, in all numbering about five thousand strong: "The regulars," says the correspondent of the Daily News, "number about fifteen hundred and are a very fine body of men, though badly armed and worse drilled. They were armed with the old Tower muskets, Enfield rifle converted Enfield, and condemned American army muskets; not a

breach-loader amongst them. Several companies of the regulars are still armed with long spears. The irregulars were armed apparently with every kind of antiquated weapon used in warfare from the days of Noah down to the present time. Battle-axes, tridents, knives of many kinds, spears, and lances long and short, shields, clubs, match-locks, and bows, and arrows; horsemen with rusty knives hung at their girdle and a bow and quiver-full of arrows slung at their backs; others with the antiquated match-lock and powder-horn." Such troops as these might, perhaps, be of use in suppressing the rising of a similarly armed mob, but placed in opposition to disciplined forces, they would simply be food for powder. The regulars, however, who are supposed to have been drilled, could do little real execution without qualified leaders. His Excellency Li Hsu-chang is doubtless well aware of the weakness of China, and we believe he is in favour of peace at any price. The Chinese Government have gone too far, we fear, to be able to secure peace with honour, but they will not wisely by accepting a diplomatic defeat now rather than incur all the loss that would be sure to attend a conflict with France.

Cholera has almost disappeared from Cuba, we learn from the Comercio.

Captain Dempster has been appointed a member of the Sanitary Board.

The delivery of the French mail was begun at 10.30 on Saturday morning.

The Ocean Steamship Co.'s steamer *Bellevue* arrived at Singapore on the forenoon of Saturday.

Information was received at Shanghai on the 22nd June to the effect that the *Greifling* had been ashore in the Pailo on the 19th instant.

We have to acknowledge receipt of the Medical Reports issued by the Imperial Maritime Customs for the half-year ended September, 1892.

It is notified in the Gazette that Lieut. D. F. Lewis, of the Buffs, has been appointed Aide-de-Camp to the Governor, viz. Lieut. Vryman on 10th.

The steamer *Peking* reports speaking the *Yung* near the mouth of the Yungtao lightship, at 5 p.m. on the 22nd June, and she is reported to be "all well."

From what we (Daily News) hear, the results of sales of tea by the *Striking Out* are not satisfactory. Most shipments are said to be "some out," and some there are profits they are less.

We are (says the N. C. Daily News) in a position to deny, upon authority, the rumour which has been current in the Settlement during the last days of the arrangement of the Franco-Chinese difficulty.

A lengthy telegraphic communication was received from France by Mr. T. Ross on Saturday night, the 24th June. The N. C. Daily News believes it contained 600 syllables words and took four hours to translate.

From a private letter from London, our Shanghai morning contemporary, learns that yokes have been made their appearance there, and among other deceptions, have carried off a goat. Fly there are no sportsmen at London.

From the Meteorological table published in Saturday's Gazette we find the rainfall for May was 1.5 inches, as against 1.5 inches in the same month last year, 3.70 inches in June, 1891, and 14.78 inches in May, 1890.

According to the report of the *Huiling* the exact position of the wreck of the steamer *Huiling* is now known, as it is stated that her topmast is above water. It appears that the wreck is in a position to be raised, and it is in the track of vessels. As a consequence of this, the *Huiling* left Choochoo on the 21st June for the scene of the wreck to make arrangements for removing the same.

It is notified in the Gazette that Mr. W. M. Dwyer, Captain Superintendent of Police, has been promoted to the rank of Major, and will be succeeded by Mr. T. Wood, a Commissioner of the Army of the N. C. Daily News, to be Acting Captain Superintendent of Police.

His Excellency the Governor has issued a Commission to Captain Thompson, B.N., Harbour Master, Captain Dempster, Army Pay Department and Acting Captain Superintendent of Police, and Mr. T. Wood, a Commissioner of the Army of the N. C. Daily News, to be Acting Captain Superintendent of Police.

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By the British steamer *Peking*, which arrived here on Saturday from Shanghai, the *Madison* Star Almirante Tronzo returned to Hongkong.

The French steamer *Nam*, which left Hongkong on the 28th ult., and arrived here yesterday, brought on board the steamer the *Madison* Star Almirante Tronzo.

No reinforcements had then arrived, and no fighting had been going on. It is probable the first batch of reinforcements will be at Saigon tomorrow.

It is with much regret that we learn of the death of Mr. J. Ogilby on his passage home from Hongkong. Mr. Ogilby was sub-editor of the *Chinese Mail*, which post he occupied for about two years, during which time he earned the esteem of those with whom he came in contact. Unfortunately the climate of the colony told severely on his health, and after several lapses his medical adviser ordered him home. He left by the P. and O. steamer *Deceus* in April last, and we now learn that he accompanied the steamer *Deceus*, and died at Shanghai, where he was buried.

We learn that the American ship *Chocoma*, which arrived at the port on Saturday, had on account of having sustained damage from being aground. Captain Fuchs has favoured us with some particulars of the mishap, and the following is a brief summary of the facts: The ship, a 120-ton schooner, was bound for Hongkong, and was on her way to the port when she was aground on the 20th ult. The ship was on her way to the port when she was aground on the 20th ult. The ship was on her way to the port when she was aground on the 20th ult.

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